The People Of God
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Before the Mt. Sinai event with Moses, they were called Hebrews. Those who survived the event were called Jews. Even then they were instructed to allow strangers to convert and join them.

Later, The Son Of Man showed up in person as the Messiah and made some changes. Mostly, He took away Jewishness by birth and restricted it to faith only.[1] It had to be done to make salvation available to everyone. In the meantime, He became our High Priest.[2] God didn't just suspend religion after the temple was destroyed. He took over management from where He is now. His religion no longer resides in institutions of man, but in the hearts of His people everywhere.

In *The Revelation*, The Lord makes it clear only true believers may be called by His name.

> *I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Rev 3:8*
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> *Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Rev 3:9*

If being Jewish had anything to do with bloodline it wouldn't matter what they said. They would either have the right kind of blood or not. The Lord is saying people are claiming to be Jews but are not. So now, unbelievers may not call themselves Jews.

Only believers in spirit and truth will be allowed into the Kingdom. Christians are trying to reach God through the spirit and that's the best idea.[3] But people don't realize the full extent of the Good News. When we were grafted into the olive tree[4] , we became olive branches and are now part of Israel, the part Paul referred to as (the Israel of God).[5] We should be glad to be God's new Jews because it's clear there is only one bride waiting for the Bridegroom.

What we know as Christianity today is far more free than in the past. While it is possible to reach God from any place in the world, it may not be possible while doing just anything. In the beginning of the third Age, Christianity was more like the pagan religions of Rome. The Popes[6] conducted orgies in the Vatican like *Semiramis* of old. At the same time they slaughtered thousands of people for not coming to church.[7] They arranged church doctrine so it would violate as many commandments as possible. They threw out The Lord's ways and His holidays while trying to represent the forbidden Baalim of the past in dress, behavior and holidays. The Lord, speaking to His Son in *The Revelation*, called it *Mystery Babylon* and

compared it to a harlot wearing red to represent the many martyrs that would be slain.

Many people now who call themselves Christians are trying to get back to God and His Commandments. Others are close enough to call themselves Messianic Jews. But there is no need to qualify that. There is only one way to be Jewish in the world, which is through The Son Of Man, who came as the suffering servant, died and rose from the grave. Now He sits beside The Ancient Of Days and serves as The King of the Jews and the universe. When He returns, it will be as the conquering King.

The Apostle Paul speaking to the Ephesians said,

> *For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Yeshua The Messiah, Eph 3:14 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, Eph 3:15*

Paul says everyone in God's family is named after the Father, not the Son. That means they are all called Jews - Yehudim יְהוּדִים meaning, the people of God. Following is from a book titled, *The Whole Family Of God* by Ron Cash.

The Lord's Name

Identified throughout the Bible as the people of God, (people called by my name) and (for my name's sake) are the Jews. This idea first showed up in the *Book of Enoch*, from the first Age of the world.

> *For he hath preserved the lot of the righteous, because they have hated and despised this world of unrighteousness, And have hated all its works and ways in the name of the Lord of Spirits: For in his name they are saved,*

Much later, the event occurred at Mt. Sinai with Moses and the The Lord. It was a wedding where they agreed to follow the Ten Commandments.

After that day they were called Jews. In Hebrew it is, יְהוּדִים Yehudim. The Lords Name in Hebrew looks like this, יְהוּה Yehu. It was written on the high priest's hat that covered his forehead in the temple. It's easy to see how one name comes from the other. The (dim) means (those of) therefore, those of God. Which explains, *a people called by my name.*[8]

The psalmist reports what The Lord said about Our Lord.

> *But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted. Psalms 89:24*

Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. Psalms 89:27

In other words, The Lord Most High is saying His Son will have His name and so will His people.

We've been told all that old religion passed away with the new covenant, but it did not. God did not throw out His religion. He just threw out a lot of people who rejected Him. The only thing that changed is the way people achieve forgivness. Instead of dragging an animal to the temple and having a priest offer it to God, all we have to do is address Our Lord and ask forgiveness. It helps if we know His name.

Our Lord's Name

When the Angel Gabriel was speaking to Mary or Miriam in Hebrew, he said;

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name, Yeshua. Luk 1:31

Gabriel did not speak to Miriam in Greek or English. He spoke in Hebrew. The name he told her to call the child is, יֵשׁוּעַ Yeshua. That was later translated into the Greek, Ἰησοῦς , Savior, which was transliterated into the Latin, lESVS, and then to, Iesu, then to, JESUS. According to Wickipedia,

Modern English Jesus derives from Early Middle English Iesu (attested from the 12th century). The name participated in the Great Vowel Shift in late Middle English (15th century). The letter J was first distinguished from 'I' by the Frenchman Pierre Ramus in the 16th century, but did not become common in Modern English until the 17th century, so that early 17th century works such as the first edition of the King James Version of the Bible (1611) continued to print the name with an I.

We can be sure 'Jesus' is not Our Lord's Name. What Gabriel said to Joseph, Miriam's espoused husband, translated into English is;

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name, SAVIOR: for he shall save his people from their sins." Mat 1:21

When Moses stood on the edge of the Red Sea holding his staff, he said, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation, יְשׁוּעַת - Yeshuwat of the LORD.[9]

יֵשׁוּעַ - Yeshua = Savior
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That's not all. We know Our Lord is also called by His Father's Name, like His Father's people, the יְהוּדִים Yehudim. Of course, He has many names, but if His given name is added to His last Name, it is Yeshua Yehudim. That translates into 'Savior of the people of God.'

The strangest part of it all is, proper names are not to be translated. It seems like the whole etymology of Our Lord's Name has been sabotaged. If one's name is John in English, while in Mexico, they don't answer to Jose'. Why then, would historians translate Our Lord's Name?

For whatever reason they did that, it is most important we understand The Name and our identity as believers. Because, who we think we are greatly affects how we will behave in this world. And, how we behave will determine whether we get out of it or not.

In the Old and New Testaments Our Lord makes statements about a people, *called by my name,* five times.[10] A similar expression, *For my name's sake*,[11] shows up twenty times. In the New Testament, He said persecution would happen for His name's sake, and it did, terrible things. But, that Name didn't change from the Old to the New Testament.

Next, Our Lord was being challenged about His age and how He knew Abraham, He said;

> *...Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Joh 8:58*

He was saying He is the same person then as now, so the same name applies to Him now as then. All of this means that religion has never changed between Him and His Father or His people.

Another example how His name continues now as in the old days is Paul in Damascus. After meeting Our Lord on the road to Damascus, Paul receives a disciple there named, Ananias. Our Lord had told Ananias;

> *" Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel"*[12]

'To bear My Name before the Gentiles' means to be called by that name. When people have children who bare their name, it means they have the same name.

Why be called by The Lord's Name

What we call Our Lord may be a kind of test. We know His name is not Jesus. If we have been tricked into calling Him by the wrong name, we may be in big trouble. Combined with using the wrong name and celebrating the mystery religion by mistake, The Lord may not see the humor in that. He kills people for far less.

> *But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. Deu_18:20*

However, If we are now the people called by His name, good things are coming.

> *And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them. Num_6:27*
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> *...will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; Isa 43:6 I*
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> *Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. Isa 43:7*

After reading that, Who wants to be called anything else? This is a promise from the Most High God that should not be taken lightly.

Of course, when we take on that name, we are in for a bumpy ride in this world, considering who is the shop keeper of it.

> *And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. Luk 4:5*
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> *And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. Luk 4:6*

Notice Our Lord didn't argue about his ability to give Him all the kingdoms of the world. That explains a lot about what's wrong in the world today.

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Notes

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Mat 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

Joh 4:22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

Joh 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

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Heb_4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Yeshua the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

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Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

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Rom 11:17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

Rom 11:18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

Rom 11:19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in.

Rom 11:20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

Rom 11:21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

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Gal 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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Pope Sergius III (904-911) obtained the papal office by murder. The annals of the church of Rome tell about his life of open sin with Marozia who bore him several illegitimate children.1 He was described by Baronius as a “monster” and by Gregorovius as a “terrorizing criminal.” Says a historian: “For seven years this man...occupied the chair of St. Peter, while his concubine and her Semiramis like mother held court with a pomp and voluptuosness that recalled the worse days of the ancient empire.”2 This woman, Theodora, likened to Semiramis (because of her corrupt morals), along with Marozia, the pope’s concubine, “filled the papal chair with their paramours and bastard sons, and turned the papal palace into a den of robbers.”3 The reign of Pope Sergius III began the period known as “the rule of the harlots” (904-963)

1 Chiniquy, The Priest, the Woman, and the Confessional, P. 138. -

2 Cotterill, Medieval Italy, P_ 331.

3 Halley, Halley's Bible Handbook, p. 774.

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During the Late Middle Ages and the early Renaissance, the scope of the Inquisition grew significantly in response to the Protestant Reformation and the Catholic Counter-Reformation. It expanded to other European countries,1 resulting in the Spanish Inquisition and the Portuguese Inquisition.

1 Lea, Henry Charles (1888). "Chapter VII. The Inquisition Founded". A History of the Inquisition In The Middle Ages. 1. ISBN1-152-29621-3. "The judicial use of torture was as yet happily unknown..."

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2Ch_7:14 if My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Isa_43:7 everyone who is called by My name; for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Jer_7:10 and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

Jer_15:16 Your Words were found, and I ate them; and Your Word was to me the joy and gladness of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O Jehovah, the God of Hosts.

Dan_9:19 O Jehovah, hear; O Jehovah, forgive; O Jehovah, listen and do. Do not delay, for Your own sake, O my God; for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.

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Exo_14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

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Psa_23:3 He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Psa_25:11 For Your name's sake, O Jehovah, pardon my iniquity; for it is great.
Psa_31:3 For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake lead me and guide me.
Psa_143:11 O Jehovah, for Your name's sake enliven me; for Your righteousness' sake, bring my soul out of trouble.
Isa_48:9 For My name's sake I will put off My anger, and for My praise I will hold back for you, that I do not cut you off.
Isa_66:5 Hear the Word of Jehovah, you who tremble at His Word; your brothers who hated you, who cast you out for My name's sake, said, Let Jehovah be glorified. But He will appear to your joy, and they will be ashamed.
Eze_20:9 But I worked for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the nations among whom they were, for I made Myself known to them in their eyes, by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.
Eze_20:14 But I worked for My name's sake, so that it should not be profaned before the nations in whose sight I brought them out.
Eze_20:22 But I withdrew My hand and worked for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the eyes of the nations, from whom I brought them out in their eyes.
Eze_20:44 And you shall know that I am Jehovah when I have worked with you for My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel, says the Lord Jehovah.
Eze_36:22 Therefore say to the house of Israel, So says the Lord Jehovah: I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.
Mat_10:22 And you will be hated of all men for My name's sake, but the one who endures to the end shall be kept safe.
Mat_19:29 And everyone who left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.
Mat_24:9 Then they will deliver you up to be afflicted and will kill you. And you will be hated of all nations for My name's sake.
Mar_13:13 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake, but he enduring to the end, that one will be kept safe.
Luk_21:12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake.
Luk_21:17 And you shall be hated by all for My name's sake.
Joh_15:21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.
Act_9:16 For I will show him what great things he must suffer for My name's sake.
Rev_2:3 And you have borne, and have patience, and for My name's sake you have labored and have not fainted.

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Act 9:11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prays,